

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 16th November 1957.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : இன்றைக்குக்கூட 35 கேள்விகள் இருப்பதால், எல்லாக்கேள்விகளையும் நேரத்தில் முடிப்பதற்கு கனம் அங்கத்தினர்கள் ஒத்துழைப்பார்களென்று நம்புகிறேன்.

Second Five-Year Plan.

* 181 Q.—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN (on behalf of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the core of the Second Five-Year Plan alone is to be fulfilled;

(b) if so, the extent to which the Second Five-Year Plan of this State is to be curtailed; and

(c) whether there is any priority list of works to be executed under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) In view of the foreign exchange situation, the first priority is being given to projects which form part of the core of the Second Five-Year Plan. This includes steel, coal, railways, ports and specified power projects. The requirements of other projects, whose execution is well advanced, are also being taken into consideration as far as possible.

(b) & (c) No decisions have been taken so far regarding the curtailment of the Second Five-Year Plan of the Madras State. In regard to the preparation of the Plan for 1958-59, the Planning Commission has indicated that no scheme involving foreign exchange on which a substantial start has not already been made should be included in the Plan. It has also been suggested that the requirements of foreign exchange for schemes on which a substantial start has already been made should be reviewed with a view to reducing the foreign exchange commitments to the minimum. The Plan for 1958-59 is being prepared on the lines indicated by the Planning Commission.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : ஸார், ஏற்கெனவே ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்ட திட்டங்கள் பாரின் எக்ஸ்சேஞ்சு கஷ்டத்தினால் ஏதாவது தடைபடுமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தை பொறுத்தவரையிலும், எந்தத் திட்டமும் பாதிக்கப்படுவதாகத் தெரிவில்லை.